

**MINUTES
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON
COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY**

Tuesday, June 12, 2007, 7:00 p.m.
Hooker Room, City Hall, 401 North Morton Street

Roll Call:

Members Present: Bob Bent, Keith Clay, John Hamilton, George Huntington, Cairril Mills, Dave Rollo, Toby Strout, John West
Regrets: Christine Glaser, Jeff Mease, Catherine Stafford, Paul Sullivan
Staff Present: Danise Alano, Director of Economic Development
Mike Steinhoff, Service Corps Intern
Matt Teives, Intern
Adam Wason, Assistant Director of Economic Development

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes – May 9, 2007

John Hamilton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Keith Clay noted that he was present at the May 9 meeting and the minutes should be amended as such. Toby Strout noted that the minutes of the public comment by citizen Jenny Robinson should more fully reflect the issue of family-friendly practices in the workplace rather than “infancy matters.” John moved for approval of the minutes as amended, Cairril Mills seconded and the motion carried unanimously without further discussion.

Public Comment:

Steve Forrest of the Bloomington Transportation Options for People (BTOP) commented that he would like to see the BCOS endorse things such as more bike routes in the 2008 budget. He also commented that he would like to see a deal between the City and the Bloomington Transit Bus Company to offer free rides for residents. Dave Rollo said this has been investigated and would cost nearly \$300,000 annually.

Announcements:

Danise Alano thanked the Commission for altering the evening’s meeting time so that Staff and Commission members could attend Mayor Kruzan’s State of the City address.

Keith Clay announced that he will be missing the next six meetings while on sabbatical. The Commission made no formal recommendation at this time whether to recommend to the Council to appoint a replacement or to hold the seat for Keith upon his return. The Commission thanked Keith for his excellent service and wished him well.

Keith also informed the Commission that the IU Sustainability Task Force has a sunset clause (ending in August) and while that Task Force may recommend the creation of a permanent sustainability office at IU, that is an unknown as is his future involvement with the initiative at IU.

Dave Rollo announced that a Duke Energy representative will discuss their proposal to build a coal gasification plant in Indiana at the Environmental Commission meeting on Thursday, June 14 at 7 pm in the McCloskey Room.

Cairril Mills recommended that Commissioners, especially the Education Committee, should review the Chamber of Commerce's recently released Infrastructure Task Force report available in the latest Business Network issue and at www.heraldtimesonline.com.

Indicators Report:

The Commission thoroughly reviewed the latest draft of the Indicators Report. Revisions were discussed and agreed upon which will be implemented by Staff. John West moved to accept the final draft of the Indicators Report as amended, Dave seconded and the motion carried unanimously. The Commission agreed that John Hamilton, George Huntington and Staff would develop and implement plans for the distribution and marketing of the Report.

The Commission expressed deep gratitude to Mike Steinhoff for completing the report.

Staff Report:

Danise introduced Adam Wason to the Commission as the new Assistant Director of Economic Development for Small Business and Sustainable Development. The Commission welcomed Adam and congratulated him on his appointment. Danise also announced this will be the last meeting for Mike Steinhoff.

Danise reported that the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation will hold their Benchmarking the Local Economy luncheon on Friday and BCOS is invited. She also reported that the BEDC in their press release will include mention that the Indiana Business Resource Center (IBRC) assisted BCOS with sustainability indicators.

Initiatives Committee:

Keith asked everyone in the Commission to publicize the Local Foods Tour taking place Saturday June 16 from 1-5 p.m. The Commission thanked Keith for the vast amount of work he did to organize the tour.

Other Business

On behalf of the Commission, John Hamilton commended Mike for his excellent service, especially his "Herculean patience and extraordinary commitment" to the Indicators Report. Cairril presented Mike with a token of appreciation on behalf of the Commission. Dave recommended planting a tree in the city in Mike's honor.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next meeting is set for Tuesday, July 10, 2007, McCloskey Room, City Hall, 6 p.m.